

MURRAY ASKS PARLEY OF ALL LABOR

Cabinet Weighs Smash-UMW Plan

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Detroit AFL Maps General Strike for Miners

By William Allan

DETROIT, Dec. 6.—The AFL in this city is preparing a city-wide 24-hour general strike as a protest against the government's attack on the miners, it was announced today by Frank X. Martel, president of the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor (AFL). Cooperation of all CIO and independent unions will be sought, Martel said.

The UAW-CIO International Executive Board, opening its session in New York Monday, will discuss the general strike as its first order of business, according to reports here.

The date of the walkout was not made public. The Detroit AFL has set up a commit-

tee to aid the miners composed of 100 AFL local union presidents, with instruction from a mass conference of AFL local union leaders.

It is reported today the AFL committee to aid the miners of 100 presidents will convene in the next 48 hours to set a time for the strike and commence city collections of food, money, clothing for miners. At this meeting it is expected CIO leaders will be invited.

"We will solicit the cooperation of every trade union in the city," said Martel. "Plans are now under way to involve every AFL local and we will invite the cooperation of all independent unions and the CIO as well."

At a packed meeting last night in the AFL's headquarters, unanimous approval

was roared to this action by the several hundred AFL leaders present.

Spokesmen for the Carpenters' Union declared: "Now is the time for us to get out there and work with the CIO in joint action for defeating this attack not only on the miners but on all labor."

Martel said the date of the 24-hour general strike would not be revealed until the action was ready and organized.

A resolution adopted declared:

"It is the general opinion of the AFL members here that the responsibility for the loss of production in coal is due to the policy of those who want to use force rather than reason."



Greek Premier Here: Greek Premier Constantinos Tsaldaris (right) in New York to speak before the UN is greeted by Archbishop Anthanasios of the Greek Orthodox Church. How Tsaldaris suppressed the real story on the guerilla fighters, which appeared in a EAM newspaper, is told in a story on Page 4.

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LABOR and the NATION

Murray Calls for Parley of All Unions

By FRED VAST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—CIO President Philip Murray today urged leaders of the AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods to meet with him "as quickly as possible" to forge a united economic and legislative program. "It has become self-evident there is a deliberate and monstrous movement

under way to cripple, if not destroy, the labor movement of this country," Murray warned in a history-making letter to the union chiefs. The court injunction and heavy fine against the United Mine Workers is the first step, he said.

He appealed to them to rise above "any petty or personal quarrels" in the interest of "our nation and our democratic institutions."

Railmen OK Parley With Murray, Green

Thomas C. Cashen, head of the Railway Labor Executives Association, said yesterday in Buffalo that he had "no objection" to meeting with Philip Murray and William Green on any matter affecting labor in general on the national economic situation.

A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, replying from his Cleveland, O., headquarters, said Murray's plan was "a wonderful idea and exactly what is needed at this time." He said labor leaders now must forget "any personal fights they may have and unite for the common cause."

The letter was addressed to AFL president William Green, president A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and chairman Thomas Cashen of the Railway Labor Executives Association.

Murray charged Big Business and congressmen purposely pushed inflationary measures as part of a plan to inflame public opinion against labor through "vicious propaganda." When labor sought wage increases to meet rising living

costs, Murray said "industry arrogantly refused to engage in collective bargaining in order to provoke strikes."

SHACKLING LABOR

Instead of passing social legislation to improve the people's well-being, "the dictatorship of a reac-

tionary coalition" in Congress speedily approved bills to "shackle labor and weaken its ability to cope with increasing enemy attacks."

"The stage is set for the 80th Congress to be met by national hysteria deliberately fomented and inspired," Murray told the labor leaders. "The attempt is to divert the attention of the American people from those interests which are actually causing national hardships for the common people through inflation."

He said the "fantastic profits of American industry" are the real roots of the nation's difficulties and pointed out this fact was being suppressed.

"All the social, economic and legislative gains of the past decade are in dire danger," the CIO head warned.

The relief from "intolerable conditions" and protection against ferocious attacks, which union members are demanding, "can be forthcoming only through the unified ac-

tion on the part of these three labor organizations," Murray emphasized. "Such unity of action is imperative and of vital importance."

"In the interest of our membership, of all of the democratic and progressive forces of our nation—whose very survival may be at stake—I urgently suggest that the leaders of these three national labor organizations meet as quickly as possible for the purpose of devising in unity a common program of economic and legislative measures."

Murray's Unity Proposal

President Philip Murray's proposal that the CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods take joint action to meet the onslaught of Big Business, will be warmly greeted throughout the length and breadth of the land.

This is precisely what the country's workers have been waiting for.

The mood of the workers is hardly open to question. The decision of Detroit's AFL for a 24-hour general strike, in unison with the CIO, to protest the attack upon the miners gives indication of what the workers are thinking about and want.

The Oakland, Calif., general strike Wednesday gave the same indication. Pledges of support for the miners and demands for action are spreading through the entire labor movement with prairie-fire tempo.

The Truman-GOP-National Association of Manufacturers attack is fast getting the workers into a mood to answer with protests, general strikes and other forms of united action.

The appeal, addressed to AFL and R.R. Brotherhood leaders marks a new period for the labor movement. It is a great day when labor leaders talk in terms of setting aside craft and partisan differences and joining for united action on the burning, common issues.

As Murray warns, there is a deliberate movement under way to destroy the trade unions, with the United Mine Workers the first target. The stage is being set for drastic anti-labor legislation and nullification of the gains made by the common

people in recent years. Progressive bills are collecting dust in congressional pigeon holes. Reactionaries are interpreting the Nov. 5 vote as a green light for union-busting.

The threat is real—as real as Judge Goldsborough's \$3,500,000 fine against the miners. And the time is short. The Murray proposal is not something to be argued about and delayed.

The coming weeks and days will be the most decisive.

The CIO, rising to urgent necessity of the moment, is once more giving the progressive lead. Only if labor marshals all its strength and resources, will it be able to block the attack. Only by such leadership will it be able to win the support of the many millions of farm, middle class and small business people who no less than wage workers want leadership and common action against the trusts.

A strong labor movement is the backbone of progressive America. If reaction succeeds in its attacks upon unions, then democracy, too, will go down with labor.

It is to be hoped the AFL and Brotherhood leaders will respond as quickly as their memberships.

Time is of the essence! The next days may well decide whether unions will live and grow together or whether they will go down separately.

The Truman - Republican - NAM plot against labor must not succeed!

Unity of action of labor and all progressives as proposed by Murray, could halt the offensive of Big Business.

Text of Murray's Call

Special to the Daily Worker

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Following is the text of CIO President Philip Murray's letter sent today to AFL president William Green, president A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and chairman Thomas Cashen of the Railway Labor Executives Association:

It has become self-evident that there is a deliberate and monstrous movement under way to cripple, if not destroy, the labor movement of this country.

Since V-J Day the large industrial combines, together with their representatives in Congress have directed an unabated attack against organized labor. This has taken the form of deliberate measures to bring about inflation at the expense of the American people and through vicious propaganda to place the blame for the resulting hardships at the door of the American workers.

Where labor in the face of shrinking earnings and rising cost of living sought to obtain necessary wage increases, industry arrogantly refused to engage in collective bargaining in order to provoke strikes. This was part of the plan to inflame public opinion against labor.

At the same time the 79th Congress, under the dictatorship of a reactionary coalition, refused to enact any legislation designed to improve the economic well-being of the American people such as broadening and extending the minimum wage law, providing an adequate housing program for veterans and others, extending the social security law, and other measures embraced within President Roosevelt's Economic Bill of Rights. Instead, legislation was whipped through Congress to shackle labor and weaken its ability to cope with increasing enemy attacks.

The election results of November 5 have been deliberately misinterpreted by these very same predatory interests as a stamp of

approval upon their evil design and has obviously encouraged them to deepen their attack upon organized labor.

The stage is set for the 80th congress to be met by national hysteria deliberately fomented and inspired. In essence, the attempt is to divert the attention of the American people from those interests which are actually causing national hardships for the common people through inflation.

The fantastic profits of American industry today are being given no attention in spite of the fact that this development is clear proof of the real roots of our present difficulties. All the social, economic and legislative gains of the past decade are in dire danger. The recent court injunction against the United Mine Workers of America and the vengeful fine imposed is but the first step.

The membership of the American Federation of Labor, the Congress of Industrial Organizations, and the railway labor unions demand relief against the intolerable conditions which now confront them and protection against the ferocious attack now being made upon them. This relief can be forthcoming only through the unified action on the part of these three labor organizations. Such unity of action is imperative and of vital importance.

In the interest of our membership, of all of the democratic and progressive forces of our nation—whose very survival may be at stake—I urgently suggest that the leaders of these three national labor organizations meet as quickly as possible for the purpose of devising in unity a common program of economic and legislative measures.

It is my sincere conviction that we, the leaders of our respective organizations, must in the interest of our nation and our democratic institutions arise above any petty or personal quarrels to assure the successful completion of such a program.

PICKETS HIT PUBLISHER WHERE IT HURTS



Striking American Newspaper Guild-CIO employees of J. David Stern's Philadelphia Record and Camden, N.J., Courier-Post are hitting at the Stern management where it really hurts—circulation. Throughout Philadelphia and Camden, pickets with placards and

handbills are at major newsstands night and morning. The practice is proving so effective that Stern's circulation men spend hours every day heckling and threatening the pickets. Notice the newsie smiling? Most of them actually welcome the pickets, some buy coffee

for the strikers on especially cold days. Pickets shown here at a busy stand on busy Germantown and Erie Avenues, Philadelphia, are, left to right: Dorothy Marlen, library; Claire Long, mail subscription, and Jane Llewellyn, classified advertising, all of the Record.

Anti-American Committee Calls For Chaplin

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 6.—Comedian Charlie Chaplin will be subpoenaed to testify on "communism in the movie colony" when the House Un-American Activities Committee reopens hearings here next month, chief counsel Ernie Adamson said today.

Gov't Appeals Seditionist Case

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The government today appealed the dismissal of its case against 28 alleged seditionists.

Chief Justice Bolitha J. Laws of federal district court dismissed the charges last week. Justice department lawyers today filed notice of appeal.



JAMES A. GLENN, United Mine Workers' attorney, is pictured here outside the Federal District Court in Washington after filing notice of appeal of Judge T. Alan Goldsborough's contempt convictions.

Cabinet Discusses Plan to Smash Strike

Special to the Daily Worker

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Administration plans for smashing the coal strike, and apparently the AFL United Mine Workers with it, were discussed in a cabinet session today devoted almost entirely to the dispute, White House reports indicated.

One cabinet member, who refused to be quoted, made it clear the government would

UNITED MINE WORKERS JOURNAL GAGGED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The Dec. 1 issue of the United Mine Workers Journal has not appeared because the court injunction forbids union publicity on the mine dispute, editor K. C. Adams told the Daily Worker today.

not back down one inch in its assault on the miners.

Secretary of Commerce Averell Harriman told reporters they could learn more about the strikebreaking offensive by listening to President Truman's radio speech Sunday night.

Sen. Homer Capehart (R-Ind) said government attorneys had turned down a proposal of John L. Lewis to negotiate with the coal operators.

Lewis asked for a one-day postponement of his court sentence last Wednesday so he could confer with mine owners, Capehart said.

The Senator refused to divulge the source of his information. He insisted Lewis' proposal would have been acceptable to the employers, and would have ended the strike.

Although both the UMW and government refused to comment on Capehart's statement, the long delay in sentencing Lewis Wednesday lent support to the assertion.

Meanwhile Chief Justice D. Lawrence Groner of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals approved a Justice Department request to take the case directly to the Supreme Court for an early review, possibly next week.

Lewis signed the bond for his \$10,000 fine on contempt charges and UMW secretary-treasurer Thomas Kennedy signed bond for the \$3,500,000 fine against the union. The funds were transferred to the U. S. Treasury pending outcome of the union's appeal of the sentence. UMW officials declined to comment on the CIO decision to join the court appeal.

ARMORED CAR chauffeurs, members of AFL Teamsters Local 280, this week approved a new contract with major firms in New York. The agreement includes a 30 percent raise.

LABOR BRIEFS



WORLD LABOR will be brought right into a local meeting when UE-CIO Local 1227 will hear Leon Jouheaux, secretary-general of the French Confederation of Labor, Thursday night. Other speakers at the local's forum on "Labor in the Allied Countries" will include John Abt, general counsel of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and a CIO delegate to the USSR; and Israel Epstein of the Allied Labor News, recently returned from China. The meeting is at 24-20 Jackson Ave., Long Island City.

FINANCIAL AND MORAL support of 50 New York locals of the CIO Wholesale and Department Store Union to the 13-week-old strike of Local 853 against the Modern Age Furniture Co. has been pledged. The support was announced by international president Samuel Wolchek.

JOINT WAGE ACTION by three CIO unions holding contracts with the International Telephone & Telegraph Co. will be discussed at a meeting in Nutley, N. J., Dec. 15. The three are the UE-CIO, American Communications Association and the United Office and Professional Workers, representing the engineers and clerical employees.

CLOSED SHOP TEST has been instituted by the AFL in Nebraska against the state's recently adopted anti-closed shop constitutional amendment. The Nebraska case will be appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court if necessary, in advance of appeals from similar amendments in South Dakota, Arizona and Florida, AFL attorney Herbert S. Thatcher said.

SCHRAFFT'S NOT SO SWEET, say the chain restaurant's 6,000 workers who are responding to the organizing drive of the AFL Hotel and Restaurant Union. The union urges customers who object to speed-up and low wages to tell waitresses and the employees that they support their efforts to organize.

Support Mounts for Miners

Grass roots labor support to the embattled soft coal miners continued to mount yesterday.

In Pittsburgh, heart of the steel and mining area, both AFL and CIO central labor bodies went on record condemning the use of the injunction and the levying of fines against the UMW and voted full support to the miners.

The 90,000 members of the CIO National Maritime Union were alerted to back the UMW and prevent "destruction of the trade unions." The union's national office voted to send \$5,000 immediately for relief of the mine workers.

NMU president Joseph Curran wired all branch halls to hold special meetings in all ports, on ships and ashore to enable the entire membership to assist the miners "in every way possible, physically, morally and financially."

New York NMU members responded immediately and collected \$500 at a special meeting.

A thousand delegates to the Eighth Annual Convention of the Massachusetts CIO, meeting in Worcester, voted full support to the mine workers and called for united labor action to meet the injunction menace.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 6.—All sections of the labor movement in Minnesota are in support of the miners.

"It's a case of hanging the wrong man," said Robert Olson, president of the Minnesota Federation of Labor. "It should be the mine owners who are to blame for the situation, because they refuse to pay the wages asked."

Fullerton Fulton, regional director of the CIO, a former coal miner, was strong in his condemnation of the penalty against the miners.

Joseph Ollman, regional director of the United Packinghouse Workers, termed the fine a serious threat to all labor.

Grave alarm at the strike breaking action was reflected in the Labor Review, Minneapolis, the Union Advocate, St. Paul, and the Labor World, Duluth, all AFL papers. The state CIO paper, Minnesota Labor, called attention to the injunction served on UE strikers in a Minneapolis suburb Wednesday, and editorialized:

"It's not a far cry from an injunction against 400,000 coal miners and an injunction against 55 men and women employed by the Bishman Manufacturing Co., of Osseo, and the pattern is the same. It is the pattern of forcing the workers to return to wages insufficient to meet robber prices at the penalty of being in contempt of court, having their unions robbed of their treasuries and the individual members fined, or imprisoned or both."

Miners' Appeal on Fine Headed Directly for U. S. Supreme Court

The appeal of the United Mine Workers against Judge T. Alan Goldsborough's \$3,510,000 fine is headed directly to the Supreme Court today with indications that a decision may come as early as next week.

The streamlined action came after the Department of Justice, asked and obtained from Chief Justice D.

Lawrence Groner of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals leave to bypass the lower court.

At the same time a petition was formally put before the Supreme Court asking for an immediate review of the case.

Supreme Court justices, holding their weekly conference tomorrow, may arrange to give the case priority over all issues before it.

There was no immediate indication of union strategy in the legal handling of the case. Under normal procedure the UMWA could ask 20 days to prepare its appeal. Taking part in the legal appeal are also attorneys of the CIO.

Attorney General Tom C. Clark is taking personal command of the government's case against the union.

POSTED BOND

The union posted its \$3,500,000 bond this morning with Judge Goldsborough and Lewis did the same to the tune of the \$10,000 fine imposed upon him. The judge signed an order staying collection of the fine pending outcome of the appeal.

Meanwhile, stories persisted anew that the government's contempt prosecution broke up an agreement

that was virtually in sight. The latest such charge came from Sen. Homer Capehart (R-Ind), who said he was "reliably informed" that the government rejected an offer by Lewis to negotiate a possible end of the strike.

Lewis, according to Capehart,

proposed to Goldsborough that the contempt sentence be held up 24 hours to give him time to start negotiations which "would have resulted in a complete and satisfactory settlement of the whole controversy."

Capehart added he "has good

McCann Wins In Musicians' Vote

The Blue Ticket, headed by incumbent candidate for president, Richard McCann, won in Thursday's balloting for officers in AFL Musicians Local 802, it was revealed yesterday. The Blue Ticket drew less than the combined votes of the Unity Ticket, headed by Calmen Fleisig, and the Coalition Ticket, headed by Harry A. Suber.

Average vote for the Blue Ticket candidates was 2,800, with McCann garnering a vote of 3,651. Fleisig drew 2,489 votes, and Suber 2,406.

Two Blue candidates for executive board were defeated and Unity candidates Al Manuti and Max Arons were elected.

Early in the campaign, Coalition

leaders proposed to the Unity ticket the entering of a joint slate, but the offer was rejected. Observers pointed out yesterday that had the proposals been accepted, McCann and his slate would have been defeated in a walkover.

Votes for other major officers were: Vice-president: Sam Suber (Blue), 3,420; Joseph LeMaire (Unity), 2,278; Mickey Cielo (Coalition), 2,124. Secretary: Charles Lucci (Blue), 4,197; Al Raderman (Unity), 2,136; Dave Freed (Coalition), 2,108. Treasurer: Emil Balzer (Blue), 3,353; Nick Ditalo (Unity), 2,600; Phil Ingalis (Coalition), 1,843. Seven thousand of the local's 25,000 members cast ballots.

Nuff Said

By Alan Max

Earl Bunting, new president of the National Association of Manufacturers, is president of the O'Sullivan Rubber Corp. of Winchester, Va. The firm manufactures O'Sullivan's heels.

Slogan of the company is: America's Number 1 Heel.

WORLD EVENTS

Attlee to Face Angry MP's on U.S. Arms Deal

LONDON, Dec. 6.—When Prime Minister Clement Attlee appears on the floor of Commons next week it was disclosed today rebel laborites will ask him:

• On what authority did the War

Secretary inform the U. S. that agreement had been reached to standardize land, air and naval weapons?

• What stage has been reached in the British-American military pact?

• Does it include exchange of officers and joint use of naval and air bases?

Laborites who oppose Bevin's "get-tough-with-Russia policy" will press for a showdown during the House question period Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. They will also speak up at the Monday meeting of the Parliamentary Labor Party's foreign affairs committee and at Wednesday's meeting of the whole Parliamentary Labor Party.

Konni Zilliacus, Labor MP, who supported the revelations of the secret Anglo-American pact in the London Daily Worker, said yesterday he received a letter from Henry A. Wallace offering his support in the campaign to prevent the U. S. and Britain from ganging up on Russia.

Zilliacus added Wallace also agreed with the thesis in his book, *Mirror of the Past*, that the U. S. and Britain are entering an alliance like that existing between Britain and France before the First World War.

Communist Member of Parliament Philip Piratin and Laborite Capt. S. T. Swingler also indicated that they would ask similar questions of the Prime Minister.

Chou En-lai States Stand to Gen. Marshall

Chinese Communist negotiator Chou En-lai told Gen. George Marshall yesterday that there "is no basis of negotiations" with the Kuomintang unless Chiang Kai-shek recalled his troops to their positions of last Jan. 13 and dissolved the one-party national assembly, according to United Press reports.

Chou En-lai made this reply to Marshall's recent question as to whether the Communists consider American mediation desirable. The Communists have cooperated with Marshall in the peace negotiations and indicated their willingness to continue. But they pointed out that American military supplies furnished to Chiang during these negotiations enable Chiang to wage his civil war.

Luncheon to Honor UN Women Thursday

A luncheon honoring the women of the United Nations, with Mrs. Joseph E. Davies as chairman, will take place next Thursday in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Pierre, Fifth Ave. and 61 St., sponsored by the Committee of Women of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.



GERMAN PASTOR Martin Niemöller, dubbed a fascist by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt recently, makes his first U. S. speech from a pulpit in the First Presbyterian Church in Seattle, Wash.

USSR Links Atom Peace Uses to Disarmament

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Dec. 6.—Soviet Russia reaffirmed its desire for the international development of atomic energy for peaceful purposes today, as American and Soviet diplomats again found common ground on disarmament and atomic controls.

In an UN Assembly subcommittee, Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov agreed to go along with the U. S. emphasis on channeling atomic energy into beneficial uses as well as banning its use for war.

The result was speedy agreement on most of the second part of the resolution by which the Assembly hopes to hand the UN Security Council an order to begin assembly

of the actual machinery for reducing the world's arms and armies.

Molotov's agreement was welcomed by American representatives. While it did not represent Soviet acceptance of the American demand for a world atomic development authority to control, supervise and even own some atomic energy facilities, the Soviet agreement did make clear that Russia favored linking peaceful development to prohibition of military use of atomic energy.

Tsaldaris' Cops Raid Patriot News Office

Wireless to the Daily Worker

ATHENS, Dec. 3 (Delayed).—A suppressed guerilla communique gives the lie to Premier Constantin Tsaldaris' claim that Greek Republican fighters are organized, incited and supported by Greece's northern neighbors.

In preparation for Tsaldaris' imminent appearance before the United Nations Security Council, Athens police descended on the EAM newspaper Eleftheria and the Communist daily Rizospastis at 4:30 a.m., on Nov. 20 and confiscated all copies of papers headlining this communique:

"The headquarters of the Republican Army of Northern Greece, in the name of all persecuted Republican combatants who constitute this army, reject with disgust the shameful slander that the Republican Army has relations with, or is supplied by foreigners or comes from foreign territory."

BRITISH ARMS

"The main contributor of arms and supplies is the British occupation army, through the monarchist bands which it is arming, and secondly the stores of the army and the gendarmerie as well as the

us, compelled us to again take to the mountains.

"The Republican Army categorically rejects the base slander that it burns down villages and slays women and children... Crimes against innocent women and children and burning down villages are committed only by our enemies and their mercenary organs. It is against them that we struggle and we punish only traitors."

Add to this the fact that hundreds of battles are taking place

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Best Is None Too Good for Returning Soviet GI's

By Walter Cronkite

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

MOSCOW, Dec. 6 (UP).—The best a war-impooverished Russia has to give is none too good for her returning soldiers. And they are getting it. Jobs, demobilization pay, medical care, housing loans, schools—a host of benefits which shape up for the average Russian as the topmost goal of his endeavor—are waiting for the soldier when he is mustered out.

That is the picture which emerges from the reports of the return from the wars of thousands of Soviet troops—the 30th class demobilized since the end of the war—now going back to their homes throughout the country.

Ever since the first demobilization order just six weeks after hostilities in Europe ended, published reports have made it plain that GI Ivan would get all the breaks to enable him to take his place in a nation teeming with reconstruction activity.

GETS GOOD JOB

The men now coming back from the occupation zone of Germany, most of whom took part in the storming of Berlin, are met by local commissions whose files are crammed with lists of openings in factories, laboratories, offices, farms.

With a complete outfit of clothing and his dismissal pay, the sol-

dier reports to his district commission. It comprises representatives of the local administrative and public bodies.

They are obliged, under demobilization orders, to give him a job within 30 days with an income equal to or better than he had before he went to war.

Actually, the newspapers say, not many veterans wait 30 days. Most of them report within a day or two, anxious to get back into their peacetime endeavors.

MANY BENEFITS

The Moscow News published an interview with Alexander Stepanov, lately out of the signal corps. Four days after he got home he climbed up to the controls of a 100-ton crane in the Moscow Sickle and Hammer iron and steel works.

"I'm like a starving man," he was quoted. "The more I eat the hungrier I feel."

The demobilization pay is on a complicated scale depending on the

rank of the soldier and the time he was in the service.

As soon as he is back in his old job—or a new one, if he chooses—he is entitled to vacation privileges and the full facilities of his organization's rest home, clinics and the like.

If the soldier lived in one of the war-devastated regions, he is entitled to a building loan up to 10,000 rubles, payable in 10 years, and the right to cut timber free from the state forests.

The Soviet demobilization scheme as reported in the press permits soldiers to return to school if they wish. They are exempt from entrance examination and are in effect granted scholarships by the state.

In the first three months of demobilization alone, according to the reports, 15,000 enrolled in colleges. That was little more than the first drop in the bucket, and no statistics have been published recently.

JEFFERSON BOOKFAIR PM. SAT.-SUN. DEC. 8, 9

Panel Discussions: TONIGHT

The Artist and Social Change
8:15-9:45 P.M.
Chairman—DR. SAMUEL SILLEN
Speakers
GWENDOLYN BENNETT
Director of George Washington Carver School
DEN FIELD
Author of *Piper Tompkins*
MIKE GOLD
Author of *Jews Without Money*
HORACE GREENELL
Director of the Jefferson Chorus

American History: Background for Today
8:30-10 P.M.
Chairman—FRANCIS FRANKLIN
Author of *Rise of the American Nation*
Speakers
DR. HERBERT APFHEKER
Author of *Essays on the American Negro*
DR. PHILIP S. Foner
Editor, *Complete Writings of Thomas Paine*

The Theatre and Propaganda
8:45-10:15 P.M.
Chairman—LOUIS LERMAN
Instructor in Writing, Jefferson School of Social Science
Speakers
GORDON HEATH
Actor, *Deep Are the Roots*
MILLARD LAMPPELL
Author of *Long Way Home*
ARTHUR MILLER
Author of *Focus*

A Planned Library for Your Child
9:00-10:30 P.M.
Chairman
ELIZABETH MORROW BACON
Editor, *Young World Books*
Speakers
JERROLD BEIM
Author of *Two Is a Team*
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Clothes for Greeks: Actress Uta Hagen (right) looks over clothing and money contributed at a meeting of the Women's Community Forum in the Bronx for the destitute orphans of Greece. With her is Mrs. Bess Robinson, co-chairman of the forum. The collection drive is sponsored by American Relief for Greek Democracy, 111 W. 42 St., New York, whose honorary chairman is Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

Harlem Vet Housing Plan Offered Mayor

By Michael Singer

Taking up Mayor O'Dwyer's suggestions, a delegation of Harlem leaders and veterans yesterday submitted their housing program to Paul Ross, the Mayor's administrative secretary. A 20-man delegation, organized by the United Allied and Negro Veterans of America, had last Wednesday presented to the Mayor a heartrending picture of Harlem's critical housing shortage.

Communist Councilman Benjamin J. Davis at that time had warned an immediate solution was imperative to avert social upheavals in Harlem.

Yesterday the delegation submitted some results of its housing survey, as follows:

• There is one house owned outright by the state of New York

which is boarded-up and which can be immediately rehabilitated for occupancy.

• There are three boarded-up homes owned by the city of New York which can be renovated for 28 new apartments.

• There are five houses, all boarded-up, and all from four to 13 years in tax arrears. These houses can be foreclosed by the city and made available for tenants.

• There are 40 houses privately owned which are boarded-up, containing apartments. They are owned by banks and large realty companies and have changed ownership constantly.

Addresses were given of all houses referred to.

• Though the population of central Harlem has increased 51 percent since 1930, no new homes have been built, except for the Harlem River Houses in the past 16 years.

The UNAVA delegation, in asking for IMMEDIATE rehabilitation of 1500 apartments, urged funds be obtained from the state and federal housing agencies. It proposed a new bond issue and use of the \$5,000,000 emergency fund for displaced persons.

It asked the city to foreclose on vacant, tax-arrears buildings; to take over, after conferences with private owners, boarded-up buildings; to renovate immediately

boarded-up houses owned by the city and the state; to set aside restrictive laws barring such rehabilitation; to give veterans priority in new apartments, and to guarantee veterans occupancy without discrimination.



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Tenants Get Together, Landlords Come Across

By Louise Mitchell

The Irish, Jewish and Negro tenants of 14 W. 107 St. are making their landlords eat their words. "If you don't like it, move out," is what the landlords are saying these days. Not only have the tenants licked three eviction notices, won a signed contract to paint and improve the apartments, but they

are making only partial rent payments until things get done.

It all started at the beginning of the month when some of the 35 house tenants refused to pay rent because elevator service had practically stopped, heat was on the chilly side and halls and staircases continued to be filthy. Tenants Emanuel Pollock, Mrs. M. Robinson and Joseph Spencer immediately received dispossesses from landlords Walter McCoy and Edward Shaw.

One of the tenants immediately contacted the law firm of Jones & Friedberg at the Woolworth Building and was instructed to form a house tenant committee. The rent was collected by the committee but

withheld from the landlords.

It wasn't hard to get the house 100 percent organized. For years there had been complaints about rundown conditions. But the tenants were particularly incensed when a crippled tenant had to flee from a fire on crutches because the elevator wasn't operating.

The three eviction cases were tried Thursday before Judge Charles Schweitzer, at the Municipal Court at 54 St. Tenant lawyers Tom R. Jones, Negro, and Jacob Friedberg, and dozens of tenants, appeared in court. When the judge insisted the landlords appear, and his lawyer asked for adjournment, he threw the case out.

The tenant lawyers immediately suggested that the landlords and

their attorney meet with the tenants' committee that night and settle the matter.

Tenants and landlord sat across the table in one of the tenants' apartment and battled and battled until an agreement was worked out. It provided that:

A painter is to appear on Monday and continue to paint until all apartments that have to get painted are done.

All broken plaster is to be fixed. The elevator is to work from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.

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Heat is to be provided in accordance with Health Department rules.

Hallways and stairs are to be kept clean. All repairing is to be done, like fixing leaking faucets, replacing old window blinds, installing weather stripping. The front door is to be closed and all tenants provided with keys.

In negotiating the contract, the landlords sat opposite two tenants whom they tried to dispossess because Pollock is treasurer of the tenants committee and Mrs. Robinson is secretary. Bruce Samuels is chairman. The contract benefits every tenant.

After the pact was drawn up and signed, the landlord asked for the rent. But get this. The tenants' lawyers handed over \$250 and promised that on Monday, when the painter appears on the scene, another \$250 will be forthcoming. The rest will be handed over in like fashion.

Jones said yesterday that only the 100 percent organization of tenants made the victory possible.

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Change the World

Mowrer Wrings Pale Hands Over The French People's Audacity

By Mike Gold

PAUL SCOTT MOWRER is one of those "liberals" who write in the N. Y. Post, and are hard to tell from any Pegler or Bilbo in their pathological war-making hatred and fear of the USSR, and the new people's governments emerging in Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Romania, and the rest



What is it that turns such polite, rational, well-informed "liberals" into relentless inspectors for Javerts dedicated to the monomaniac task of tracking down the poor Communist Jean Valjean and putting him safely back into the galleys?

Well, Sir, I am a wandering newspaper minstrel, not a doctor of psychiatry. If I had a million dollars, I would set up a research clinic where such people could come and have their heads examined.

THEY ARE UNABLE to adjust to the new phase of man's social progress. They would evidently like capitalism to remain as it was—for all its vast panics, breakdowns, world wars, intellectual degradation, its exploitation and mass hunger. It is their familiar home and accustomed world!

"Liberals" like Mowrer had won a warm, special nest in this cruel chaos named capitalism. They were His Majesty's loyal opposition, and served as the not too effective conscience of the system, the Sunday moralists.

They are tolerated and often well paid too, despite their apparent opposition. When anyone wants to upset this beautiful system, it means upsetting their own special status in it; so what price reform and change?

Their fear and hatred has many other causes, based on some special form of class consciousness, or human vanity, fear and greed and cowardice. It is a mixture of motives, as all human acts must necessarily be. One can only ask the question when faced with some such bewildering mess of human good and evil: What is the total effect? Whom does this man help—the people or the exploiters?

Mowrer, it seems to me is a "liberal" whose words help only the enemy of the people.

THE TONE of some liberals today reminds one of old Catholic Royalists that Balzac pictures so tenderly in some of his short stories. They wander around the turbulent streets of Paris, bewildered by the new strong change, the revolution of the servants, the despair and disgrace of former masters. Balzac was

on the side of the Royalists. But he also pictured their futility and their devotion to a past that could never be restored.

Mowrer is in France and has been wandering around like one of Balzac's homeless, bewigged old lady aristocrats, wringing blue-veined, fine hands over the strange new France of the people.

On Dec. 4, the old ci-devant confessed in his column: "I have been trying to find out why so many French people voted Communist."

ALAS, he discovered that a leftist reporter believed it was because "France is for progress!" And a Paris deliveryman said: "Because the Socialists don't know what they want, and the Communists do."

A printer replied: "Because Communism really represents the working class."

Foreign diplomat: "Because of the suffering and confusion due to the defeat, occupation and disillusionment following the liberation."

A lawyer said: "Because people are losing confidence in the value of their money."

A soldier: "Because French Communists are patriots."

A village housekeeper: "Because I can get food and clothing through the Communist co-operatives that I can't get any other way."

Farmer: "Because the Communists have the best rural newspaper and give it away free."

School teacher: "Because under Communism, we intellectuals will at last be paid in proportion to our real worth to society."

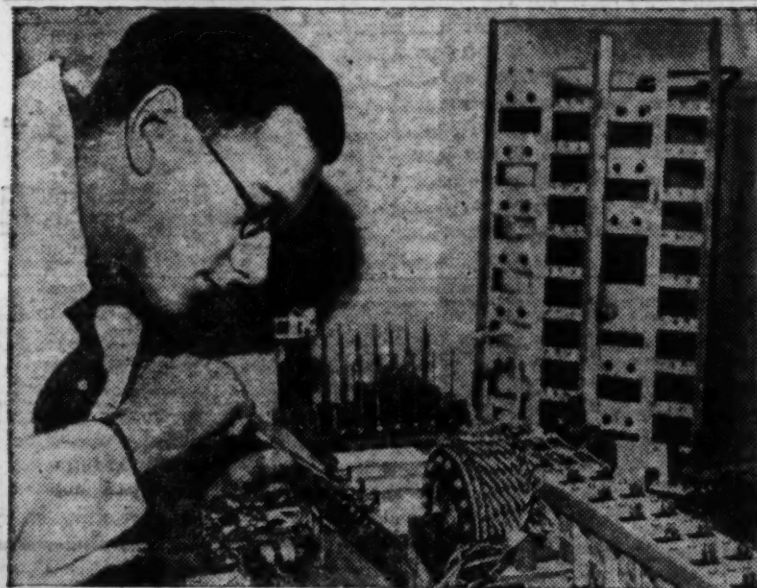
Electrician: "Because the people are disgusted by the waste and corruption in high places."

Student: "Because the Communists were so brave, disciplined and self-sacrificing in the Resistance movement."

MOWRER includes some bitter cynics who say that the big Communist vote is due to the ignorance of the French people, and demagogic methods of fooling them used by the Communists.

The Communists promise anything to anybody for the sake of votes, concludes Mowrer, not on the visible facts but out of the depths of his own subjective wrath and futility.

Yet his own report gives sufficient answer to his slander. The French Communist party is obviously serving the French people in peace as bravely and intelligently as it did under the Nazi occupation. What's wrong with that?



Thinking Machine: Mathematicians' brains will get a rest when this new super-calculating machine, known as "The Ace" gets into production. The gadget is capable of solving in a split second problems that would take the human brain weeks to solve. Built in London by a scientific group headed by Sir Charles Darwin, the "artificial brain" will use 19,000 valves and cost \$400,000. Dr. A. M. Turing, 34, invented the machine.

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The U.S.-British Zone Merger

- Won't Help Big 4 Talk on Germany
- Will Increase U. S. Occupation Cost

By James S. Allen

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN AGREEMENT to merge their zones by Jan. 1 is hardly an auspicious introduction to the Big Four talks on Germany. This economic fusion

places the Ruhr industrial arsenal under the joint and exclusive control of Anglo-American capital.

In place of four-power control of the Ruhr, we have Anglo-American control, with the aim of making the joined zones self-sufficient within three years.

In place of a reparations settlement that would supply Ruhr products to countries devastated by war, we have a plan to restore this sector of Germany as a separate entity, utilizing its production for world trade.

TALK OF HOW this agreement will save money for the American taxpayer is eyewash. A mere glance at the figures reveals that during the next three years the United States will not only meet the deficit of \$250,000,000 in her zone, but will contribute an equal amount to meet the expected \$750,000,000 deficit in the British zone.

There need be no deficit at all, if only the Potsdam agreement were observed. Instead of removing the German cartel-masters from industry, they have been kept in positions of management and control. Instead of denazifying their zones, the British and American military have obstructed all left-wing and Communist activity while permitting reactionaries to gain power.

The main concern of AMG from the start has been to assure conditions that would permit the American corporations to gain major control, both in the American and British zones. The release of Schacht at Nuremberg is symbolic of the kind of friendships and associations the American interests have in Germany.

As a result, production of food and other necessities lagged far behind. Coal, steel and other essential supplies are still far below the levels permitted by the Big Four agreement.

AS A RESULT of the agreement just announced, Britain will receive American food and supplies for her zone, where real starvation and chaos threaten. But she has to pay a heavy price, in the form of opening the doors of the Ruhr to the American corporations.

This is generally recognized. Thus, the British Statesman and Nation wrote on Oct. 19:

"It has been stressed that one

objective of this merger is to reduce our financial commitments.

This can only be done on the assumption that American Big Business is encouraged to obtain controlling interests in German industry, and the German trusts are reconstructed on American credit.

"If for instance, General Motors buys up the Volkswagen factory, U. S. Steel obtains a controlling interest in the Vereinigte Stahlwerke, and duPont in I. G. Farben, Inc., then, it is thought, a reduction in the costs of a joint Anglo-American control can be secured."

Apparently this is at the bottom of the merger agreement.

IN FACT, credits are already forthcoming to reconstruct the German trusts. The Reconstruction Finance Corp., headed by George E. Allen whose corporate connections extend into German industry, has already granted \$7,750,000 for purchase of raw materials. And according to Maj. Gen. Keating of AMG, Washington has informed him that there is no limit to the sums that might be advanced to encourage German exports.

Aside from government credits, the American trusts will invest heavily as they obtain a controlling share in German trustified industry. After the first World War and especially after the Dawes Loan, a flood of American capital entered Germany, and it was then that many additional links were established with the German cartel-masters.

This time the aims of American big business are much more ambitious. It will not be satisfied with merely sharing control. It wants the dominant position, and especially in the Ruhr arsenal. The merger pact is a big step in that direction.

WORTH REPEATING

"It would be mistaken to imagine that it is enough to adopt the Communist formulae and conclusions of Communist science without mastering the sum-total of different branches of knowledge, the final outcome of which is Communism. Communism becomes a mere phrase, an empty facade, and the Communist a mere bluffer, if he has not worked over in his consciousness the whole inheritance of human knowledge."—V. I. Lenin, as quoted by R. Palme Dutt in "The Life and Teachings of Lenin."

Press Roundup

'Times' Wants Byrnes to Keep Tough on USSR

THE TIMES finds that "the United Nations are able to go ahead in a new atmosphere of mutual accommodation with the task of trying to lift from the people of all nations the burden of excessive armaments." But its estimate of the reasons for this improved situation has ominous overtones for future agreement. The Times believes the better atmosphere is due to the "tough" line of Byrnes and Bevin; it views conciliation as a one-way street. Unless we see it as a two-way thoroughfare Americans will be in for some keen disappointments.

THE DAILY MIRROR is as beligerently anti-Russian now as before; in fact, agreement among the Big Four and in the United Nations angers Hearst's tabloid much more than if the powers were at each other's throats. Hearst abides by his old formula, he'll furnish the war—let the people furnish the dead.

THE WORLD-TELEGRAM'S William Philip Simms believes Soviet-American agreement on disarmament, and removal of the so-called veto obstacle is "laden with peril for the United States." Simms is disturbed by the imminent danger of peace.

THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN is also worried about the trend toward Soviet-American agreement. The election returns, it says, were a mandate for ending credit and trade with Russia. Hearst would shut down American factories, rather than provide jobs, through trade with Russia.

THE DAILY NEWS is also taken aback by the friendly and conciliatory attitude of the Soviet Union. It musters up enough courage to suggest, "maybe even Molotov rates a mild congrat." But it warns America to look every gift horse in the mouth, especially if the horse's name is peace.

THE POST'S Harold L. Ickes suspects American bankers are reviving the old cartels in Germany. He intimates "the powerful house of J. P. Morgan & Co. is seeking some positional advantage for itself." Morgan interests and Dillon, Read & Co., Ickes foresees, will wage a bitter struggle for control in Germany, with the latter enjoying "the potent support in Germany of Gen. Draper."

PM'S Alexander H. Uhl reports "how Chiang uses UNRRA food as a political weapon." Mark Gayn cables from Tokyo that Gen. MacArthur is sending Korean reactionaries here to lobby against the progressives in that country. He cites the example of Syngman Rhee, "spiritual leader of Korea's extreme rightists." He was sent here by U. S. Army plane, and billeted by the Army here at ritzy hotels. Gayn says, "Observers here are puzzled by the care accorded Rhee, for it is widely known that Washington more than six months ago ordered the shelving of Rhee and other extreme rightists."

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Pearl Harbor Mentality

THIS is a gruesome sort of anniversary, today, Pearl Harbor day.

Five years ago, the planes of the German-Italian-Japanese Axis suddenly smashed the American Naval forces at Hawaii. The idea was to proceed to the coast of the United States. But the Japanese lost their nerve at the last minute. They didn't know how much damage they had done, and, no doubt, they feared the Russians at their back the same way Hitler feared to cross the Channel because he was worried about the Russians at his back.

From Pearl Harbor, it took us nearly three years to get into position to smash back at the Axis. The Russians meanwhile lost millions of their troops, grinding up the Axis manpower in Europe, and immobilizing a large Japanese force in Asia. From Stalingrad onward, the doom of the Axis which so treacherously attacked the Soviet union and the USA, was sealed.

Of course, it is well known that had it not been for the blind and stupid anti-Soviet hatred of the big shots among the western powers, the Axis could never have attacked us. America's enemies in Berlin and Tokyo were able to sneak up on us under cover of the biggest "anti-Communism" hoax the world had ever seen.

It is a grim fact, full of meaning for Americans today, that the very same men and groups which helped the German-Tokio Axis by encouraging their anti-Russian dreams are sitting in seats of power in the new Congress. The Pearl Harbor mentality is still with us.

For example, such outstanding appeasers of the Axis as Vandenberg, Taft, in the Senate, and Knutson, Rankin, and such in the House, all pooh-poohed any idea of an Axis menace.

They're Still Active Today

These boys are still active today selling the same old "get-tough-with-Russia" line, which, had FDR not spurned it with contempt, would have made the USA an easy conquest of the Berlin and Tokio fascist cutthroats.

For example, they are pushing everyone around in all parts of the globe. They are trying to balk general disarmament with hopped-up talk about "the Russian menace." They make terrific demands on the Russians, and when the Soviet delegations to the UN accept their demands, they fish up still new ones.

Today, with the world applauding the possibility of a peace settlement because of Soviet concessions on many points, they are crowing that the Soviet willingness to negotiate is the result of our "get-tough" bullying.

But the opposite is true. The persistent effort to shove the "get-tough" line down the world's throat is the main danger to whatever gains have been made toward a peace settlement. We Americans wouldn't let any one else "get tough" with us, and we may assume that our war allies will not be any different.

Peace cannot be won by bullying, or by insisting on one-way concessions, based on an anti-Soviet phobia or on dreams about dominating the world. The professional "hate Russia" crowd gave us Pearl Harbor five years ago. Let us make sure they never again are permitted to steer the USA into new war traps and disasters.

Coddling Bilbo

SENATORS Ellender, and Bilbo, of Mississippi, may think their little joke has settled matters for good. They had their hearings down in Jackson and it was proved to everyone's satisfaction that the Negroes should "know their place" and not try to vote.

To everyone's satisfaction, that is, except the 10 million Negro people in the USA and the millions of patriotic Americans who take the Bill of Rights and the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution seriously.

Senator Ellender and the GOP Senators on the five-man committee may try to whitewash the cruel and degrading rottenness of the "white supremacy" racket. But the noble and inspiring heroism of the Negro witnesses will not die. It will march on.

Meanwhile, public opinion ought to insist in no uncertain terms that the hearings be continued in Washington. For the shameful flouting of democratic rights by the "white supremacy" racketeers weakens democratic liberties in every part of the country.

FALSE LEADER



Letters From Our Readers

Tank
Pleases

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:
Keep up those articles by Herb Tank on seamen's day-to-day experiences. They are wonderful.
C. R.

Let's Reach
New Sections

New York
Editor, Daily Worker:

Last Saturday three of us stood in the thick of the shopping crowds on 14th Street, each holding with one hand a picket sign reading "SIGN HERE — HOLD RENT CEILINGS," and in the other a flapping board with a petition addressed to President Truman.

The crowd surged forward in waves, lining up in front of our boards to take turns. For periods of time I never had to take the pencil back. They passed it from one to another. A cop came over with a grin, dutifully inspected us and signed too. He said he didn't make enough "either" as things were (maybe we'll be signing his petition). From a campaign point of view it was bonanza business; two hundred signatures an hour, we figured, as much as the crew could manage.

But there were a few strange lulls. When people saw others busy signing, they came in bunches. But in those few moments we weren't busy, we watched non-signers' faces as they walked by, reading our sign speculatively, looking at us a little curiously and making no move to come over. This brought home to us that even in the progressive city of New York, there are great numbers of people who still don't know that there are simple ways of making their wishes heard and of joining with others to gain strength.

It is clear that if the people are to win the stiff battle ahead, activities and campaigns must consciously move far beyond the still too-limited numbers who usually come to meetings or join in popular campaigns. Campaigning needs to move into those areas where progressives are fewer in number, in ways that can be seen by many—parades, big and little, trucks with signs, more street meetings on the big issues, as well as more of the elementary back-breaking work of doorbell ringing.

VIRGINIA RYMAN

Let's Face It

Leaky State Rent Laws

by Max Gordon

RENT CONTROL LOOMS as one of the top issues facing the 44 State Legislatures that are scheduled to get going early in January. Only in Kentucky, Louisiana,

Mississippi and Virginia will the State legislatures devote themselves entirely to their private concerns in the early months of next year. In all other states, most of them will be busy playing "follow the party leader" in their respective state capitols.

Right now only one state has a rent control law all its own—New York. The New York law says that if federal control should stop, state rent control will go into effect at the rent levels that existed under the federal law.

Notice that the state law does not apply at all if federal rent ceilings are raised. And if federal ceilings are raised, and the federal law should then be chucked out of the window, state ceilings will be the same as the increased federal ceilings.

The state law does not apply to new housing and does not provide an administrative set-up to enforce controls. If a landlord raises rents, a tenant has to take him to court for violating the law.

THE REASON for passage of the New York law last year is instructive. The real estate interests, anxious to undermine federal controls, decided to have state laws passed in a few key states whose legislatures were in session. They figured they would then go before Congress, where they had plenty of friends among the Republicans and polltax Democrats, and plead that the states were doing the job so OPA wasn't needed. State laws and the state governments would, they figured, be much more sympathetic to their profiteering aims.

They succeeded only in New York state. By a freak of Dewey fortune, the state law came in handy for the people because of the brief interlude in federal rent controls as a result of the OPA fight in Congress last summer.

Now the question may arise whether state laws should be fought for if the realty interests wanted them to undermine federal control. The answer is yes. But particular attention has to be paid to the kind of state laws passed, and the fight must be tied

up with the drive to maintain federal controls.

IN THE FIRST PLACE, the situation today is not the same as it was last year. Federal control is much more shaky, what with the Republican congressional victory and all that. The realty interests appear doubtful themselves whether or not they want state laws now. If they should succeed in undermining federal control without them, these state laws might prove a nuisance.

At the Governors' Conference in Miami Beach this week, for instance, the governors were pretty cagy about whether they wanted the federal government to continue controls or whether the states should take over. This is most unusual for a governors' conference, where the howl has always been for "states' rights" and against federal "bureaucracy."

If these governors, most of them reactionary pals of the realty interests, can be so shy about an issue of "states' rights," it is only because the realty interests themselves are not so sure they want that "right" for rents.

SECOND, if strong state rent control laws are fought for and won, then we need not worry about federal controls being undermined. The realty interests will not be anxious to scuttle federal controls so fast.

Here is what is needed in state laws:

- A statement or an accompanying resolution memorializing Congress to keep federal control going without rent increases for at least another year beyond June 30, 1947.

- Setting the rent ceiling not at federal levels but at the original "freeze," and providing that if federal rent ceilings are raised, the state ceiling is to apply; ceilings to include new and old housing.

- A strong provision for enforcement, with administrative machinery to enforce it.

In New York, the fight will have to be for extension of the present state law in amendments along these lines. In all states, the fight for a decent state law needs to be bound up with the battle, directed at Washington, for continuing federal controls without increases.

VFW Charges Scuttling of Vet Housing in Wyatt Resignation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (UP).—The Veterans of Foreign Wars charged tonight

that the veterans housing program has been "scuttled" with the resignation of Housing Expediter Wilson W. Wyatt and asked what plans the Administration has to provide homes for ex-GIs. Commander-in-chief Louis E. Starr said in a letter to George E.

Allen, a director of the Reconstruction Finance Corp., that the VFW is interested in low-cost homes for veterans now and not in "over-priced housing promised for next year, or the next 10 years."

Wyatt resigned Wednesday after President Truman refused to back him in his fight to get RFC loans for builders of pre-fabricated houses. In this connection, Starr wrote Allen:

"We assume that since the RFC has refused to grant loans, admittedly emergency in nature, for production of emergency low-cost housing, that you must have a compromise plan in mind in which we could be assured that this most important phase of the general housing program would not be omitted."

Starr said veterans do not agree "with published statements" that the housing emergency is ended. President Truman said in a statement announcing Wyatt's resignation that the initial phase of the program had ended and that the problem was now one of administration.

"As you are well aware," Starr wrote, "the housing promised veterans while they were serving overseas has by no means been provided under the existing program."

"Whereas Wyatt obviously made every effort to complete his program, lack of cooperation in certain places has effectively hindered the plan."

Spanish Workers Reported 'Rebellious'

MADRID, Spain, Dec. 6.—The Civil Government of Barcelona said in a communique that a rebellious attitude toward employers was developing among workers. The communique ordered employers not to grant further pay increases until Ministry of Labor officials had

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Rosenblum Leaves For WFTU Meet

Frank Rosenblum, secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and American member of the executive committee of the World Federation of Trade Unions, will leave today for Paris where he will attend a meeting of the WFTU executive committee.

The agenda of the meeting, Rosenblum declared, will include international labor matters, including the proposed establishment of trade departments within the WFTU covering all international labor groups operating within a specific industry. The meeting begins Dec. 10.

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Ex-GI Offers Clue to a 'Times' Thriller

By Bernard Burton

The front page thriller in the New York Times of Dec. 6 about a Russian-sponsored "clandestine" group in Italy resembles the story in Time magazine more than a year ago.

I was stationed in Rome, and on the staff of the Mediterranean Stars and Stripes when a report appeared in Time magazine about an impending "revolution." Even the date was given and preparations were reported in detail.

When we found the "revolution" was "set" for less than one week off, our journalistic curiosity was aroused. Reporters went scurrying through Rome.

Shopkeepers, factory workers, school teachers, civil servants, politicians, even carabinieri — all were interviewed. We searched high and low all over Rome (it's a big city) but we could find nothing that hinted of barricade.

NO WORD FROM TIME

Our findings were published in the next day's edition but not a word from Time. The day of the "revolution" came and went and the citizens of Italy still concerned themselves with such mundane things as how to get enough food and pasta to feed their families and how they would get through the winter which threatened to be a hard one.

The people were demanding: "Vogliamo Costituzione." They were seeking permission from the Allies to elect a constituent assembly so Italy could rebuild its war-shattered economy.

That evening at our usual chow-time bull session, we exchanged notes. The general conclusion was the "violent revolution" stories were designed to keep the Allied troops in Italy. The only ones who wanted the troops

to stay were the old fascists and the monarchists who knew an election would finish them.

We recalled the high-placed British general who dismissed the report of Polish troop terror against anti-monarchists. In an Adriatic village a building had been destroyed and looted by Anders' men because it displayed a banner calling for the ousting of the degenerate House of Savoy. The British general com-

mented: "Serves them bloody right for ridiculing the king."

Then there was the time when the Allied Control Commission, ruled by American and British brass, buried the news of Polish troops stopping a train carrying Jewish displaced persons. The Jews were beaten up, thrown out of windows and the train derailed. We had affidavits to confirm the story but couldn't print it.

Months later it appeared in the Daily Worker in a dispatch from Derek Kartun.

The Times' Arnaldo Cortesi wonders why the Communist paper L'Unita was the first to unearth and publish the phony police report about a mysterious armed group which nobody has seen or heard.

If, unlike his predecessor, Cortesi would occasionally leave his hotel, it would be a simple matter

to discover the Communists have the most patriotic record in Italy and are the most stabilizing group in that country.

The best way to avoid another attempted provocation, the Communists say, is to make the entire Italian people aware of what's brewing. That the people return this confidence has been shown in the recent municipal elections when the Communist vote took another spurt forward.

Tsaldaris' Cops

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daily all over Greece, and not just near the northern borders.

On Nov. 21 the central committee of the EAM coalition denounced the Government's "demagoguery" in making a tremendous roar over one clash which occurred at Skra simply because that town is near the Yugoslav border.

The government, EAM charged, seeks thereby to "cover its wholesale failure," and the British want "a pretext to prolong the military occupation of Greece."

Tsaldaris hoped by his departure to postpone the government's fall, which seemed imminent last week. Parliamentary opposition leaders like Sophocles Venizelos are busily negotiating a coalition government with some members of Tsaldaris' Populist Party. Such a government would cope with the desperate situation by brutally crushing the people's self defense. This solution is opposed by Liberal Party leaders who seek pacification of the country.

The British, having evidently decided to dismiss Tsaldaris, are now fostering Venizelos.

Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery conferred with the King, government and British and Greek military leaders here to examine the internal situation as related to the government's demand for more arms to help the Greek army cope with the spreading guerilla activity.

The EAM stresses that the only way out of the present deadlock is formation of a coalition government which includes the left.

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On the Scoreboard

By Lester Rodney

IT HAPPENED a week ago, but an insistent reader wants the answer today. "How," he asks, "can you explain Navy outplaying and all but defeating Army after Navy had lost seven games. Army was undefeated and considered the best in the country, and the experts made Army 30 point favorites? This fascinates even the non-sports follower. Please say something about it even if you can't explain it."

That's a reasonable enough request, especially since I can't explain it. Just chewing it around a bit, however, here are a few thoughts.

The "experts" who made those odds are just crass materialists. They ponder their charts, their scores, the injuries, reserves and forget that little imponderable known as "spirit." Could they weigh on their scales the amount of leg power, drive and tackling ferocity that the Navy team's will to win was translated into, calculate exactly the little loss of quick reaction and all out drive that came from the Army team's almost unavoidable touch of complacency, the "experts" might have come closer.

To even think about understanding such a reversal of form as Army-Navy, you have to accept the fact that sheer will (attached to a certain minimum amount of muscle, of course) can be translated into the tangible stuff that lifts a team beyond its apparent capabilities. Certainly war has some examples to show of flaming spirit becoming "impossible" resistance against an obvious preponderance of force.

The Japanese finally did take our isolated men on Bataan, but only after a much longer while than detached "experts" on war would have figured. And if Army and Navy were to play again and again the Army team would probably assert the full mastery its better football material suggests.

"All Is Knowable," They Say

Hindsight helps take some of the early overwhelming surprise out of the game. Easy enough to say, "Navy lost seven straight, Army is unbeaten." A very careful examination of the records, and undoubtedly talking to first-hand witnesses of all of both teams' games, would have shown that Navy's team had lost some very close games and had revealed flashes of latent power, as in one long but unsuccessful march against Notre Dame. And surprisingly, and it seems in retrospect a little wishfully forgotten by those writing the big words about Army, was the close call with Michigan earlier in the year, when one last second pass would have meant defeat. How, in light of that, could Army be called "unbeatable," "a super team," etc.? Michigan was no super team. Didn't even win its Conference title. Yet it almost beat the super team, and don't say almost don't count. One inch, one stumble, one bounce of an odd shaped pigskin north instead of south must count when you're talking in terms of super teams.

Which brings up the final thought on the subject. Sports writing sometimes becomes a pleasant sort of hoax. Carried away by the power of being able to sound really authoritative by the free use of adjectives and superlatives, sports scribes often leave the realm of what they know and create typewriter images. It's harmless because THEY write of a world of make believe struggle with no real issues.

So you read of the Army "juggernaut," the great Army "machine," etc. No team of young men, you discover when you've dropped into enough post-game dressing rooms, is a "juggernaut." It's composed of guys with or without pimples pulling sweaty clothes off ordinary arms and legs. They have no tank treads, no special armor, no guns hidden up the sleeves for the "bullet passes."

A player on an underdog team about to meet a "mighty" unbeaten opponent once made a homedid but profound remark: "Hell," he said, "they put their pants on one leg at a time same as we do."

The 'Daily' Roundup:

'Not My Affair'

FACED WITH the serious charges made by retiring minor league head Branham, baseball commissioner Chandler said. "It's not my affair." At \$50,000 per year, just what is the affair of the windy ex-Senator who is supposed to be the head of organized baseball?

IT ALMOST makes one forget there was a war in between to see brothers Boykoff, Holub, Tannen-

baum et al tripping around the Garden floor in our first look in five years. . . .

CCNY PLAYS without co-captain Schmones tonight. He's getting married to Miss Dorothy Seifer, City co-ed. After the game with Montclair Teachers at the City gym the whole team will move to the reception. Gallber and Dambrot, both 6-3, will start as Holman looks for his best combination.

FRANK REAGAN, rapidly mending from his shoulder injury, will be in there against the Redskins at the Polo Grounds tomorrow in the pay-off game for the Giants.

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THIS EDITION'S BEDTIME was too early to get in the results of the Cerdan-Abrams international boxing match. For Lester Rodney's story and dressing room interviews, see tomorrow's Worker.

Mighty NYU Opens Tonight

The third of the Garden double-headers tonight presents New York University's power-laden quintet against Connecticut and Manhattan against Western Michigan.

All eyes will be on the Violet, last of the city's big four to show its wares on the Garden floor. Unless personnel means nothing, this could be the hottest outfit around. Four

WE PICK:

Western Michigan over Manhattan.

NYU over Connecticut. (Record: 4 out of 4.)

veterans of last year's tourney team, including All American Sid Tannenbaum and a heavier, improved Adolph Schayes, are back. Out of the Navy and rounding out the first five is the fabulous Ray Lampp, supposedly the best man on any service team. High class reserves run into the third team. Don Forman and Marty Goldstein round out the first five with the above named.

Opposition, and the word is not used lightly, comes from Connecticut, a team good enough to force the Violets into overtime last season and rated New England's best this trip.

Manhattan, which meets Western Michigan in the 8.00 opener, is under new coach Ken Norton and except for last year's high scorer, Kelly, has a little known ensemble. The visitors have a veteran five sparked by Harold Gensichen, rated tops in the state.

St. Johns, L. I. U., Right Up There

SHOW POWER IN DEBUTS

It's early in the season and the opposition wasn't of the best, but any basketball observer watching St. Johns and Long Island University's basketball teams romping at will

over Georgia and Valparaiso Thursday night found it hard not to be strongly impressed by both Brooklyn teams.

St. Johns was perhaps the smoother and more finished looking, but Georgia's outclassed squad was not a real test. The focus of all eyes was Dick McGuire, and the young war returnee had all the easy, graceful class coach Joe Lapchick had been talking about. He reminds one a little of Luisetti in his style, a little of Bob Davies of recent Seton Hall fame and a little of Jack Garfinkel, the last great feeder at St. Johns. It's not often in basketball you can clearly spot assists, but six times this night you saw Dick's remarkable passes converted into close up goals by Lenny Doctor, a hold-over with a scoring punch.

Big Boy Harry Boykoff, all 6 foot, 9 ex All-American center of him, is back in action, a little heavy but seemingly just as deadly around the basket. Frascella and Sebest were satisfactory supporting stars. At first look it's hard to see how the Redmen can be stopped short of the tournament. They should be a logical favorite over CCNY right now. Perhaps their lack of high class reserve depths is going to tell in closer, more pressure filled games. But St. Johns is going to be very much in the running around here.

MILLER SPARKS BIG MEN

LIU showed all kinds of raw power in overwhelming Valparaiso after an

early nip and tuck 15-15 start. Be it known at the start that the Valpo team is no stiff—it's a good team of ex-Indiana high school stars. The Blackbirds showed something new in freshman Nat Miller, a bustling little floorman and play director who reminded one (here go those reminders again) of Bill Holzman, pre-war CCNY dynamo.

Most ominous for future opponents in the Blackbirds' play was the ball control off both backboards. They have Dick Holub, who had ripened into the best scoring big center around before the war and looks even better now. And in Baletti, Smith and Kassler they have three more men around the 6-3 and up mark who can play basketball. Sophs Lipman and Tropin, from Madison High, showed fine scoring eyes.

They tell me Jackie Goldsmith was high scorer around these parts during the war. He only scored 2 against Valpo, so all in all it looks like Claire Bee's boys will go over that 70 mark more than once this season. Maybe it's just as well for the other met schools that their athletic departments have adopted a snooty, holier-than-thou attitude toward the little Brooklyn school.

This praise of St. Johns and LIU must smack of the uncritical. The fact is that New York's big 4 is really loaded with talent this year.

A Short But Sweet Entry

Sports Contest Editor,
Daily Worker, N. Y.

The most thrilling sports event of 1946 was the football game which did not take place between Nevada University and Mississippi State. Mississippi State refused to allow the two Negro members of the Nevada team to play. Nevada U. cancelled the

game.

A. L. SUGARMAN,
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(ED. NOTE: The Nevada U. basketball team is coming in to play St. Johns in the Garden Tuesday night. We'll see the boys and get some first hand knowledge of that fine, democratic school spirit for you.)

EVENING

- 6:00-WNBC-News-Kenneth Banghart
- WOR-Sports Question Box
- WJZ-News; Jimmy Blair, Songs
- WCBS-News; Harry Marble
- WMCA-News; Music
- 6:15-WNBC-News; Music to Remember
- WOR-Martin Hutton, Records
- WOR-Guest House
- WJZ-Chittison Trio
- 6:25-WQXR-Here, There in New York
- 6:30-WNBC-To Be Announced
- WOR-News-Fred Vandeventer
- WJZ-Harry Wismer, Sports
- WMCA-Racing Results
- WQXR-Dinner Concert
- 6:45-WNBC-Religion in the News
- WOR-Sports-Stan Lomax
- WJZ-Labor-U.S.A.
- WCBS-Larry Lesner, News
- WMCA-Sports Resume
- 7:00-WNBC-Our Foreign Policy
- WOR-Guest Who-Quis
- WJZ-Voice of Business
- WCBS-To Be Announced
- WMCA-News; Music
- WQXR-News; Concert Stage
- 7:15-WJZ-Elmer Davis, News
- WCBS-Jean Sablon, Songs
- 7:30-WNBC-Curtain Time-Play
- WOR-Arthur Hale
- WJZ-Curt Massey Show
- WCBS-Vaughn Monroe Show
- WMCA-News Reports
- WQXR-Memorable Moments
- 7:45-WOR-The Answer Man
- WMCA-Fashion in Melody
- 8:00-WNBC-Life of Riley, With William Bendix
- WOR-Twenty Questions
- WJZ-Famous Jury Trials
- WCBS-Hollywood Star Time
- WMCA-News; Music
- WQXR-News; Symphony Hall
- 8:30-WNBC-Truth or Consequences
- With Ralph Edwards
- WOR-Juvenile Jury
- WJZ-I Deal in Crime-Play
- WMCA-Shoot the Works-Quis
- WCBS-Mayor of the town, With Lionel Barrymore
- 8:55-WCBS-Ned Calmer, News
- 9:00-WNBC-Roy Rogers Show
- WOR-Minutrel Show
- WJZ-Gangbusters-Play
- WCBS-Hit Parade
- WMCA-News; Dance Music
- WQXR-News; Symphony Hall
- 9:30-WNBC-Can You Top This?
- WOR-Leave It to the Girls
- WJZ-Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
- WCBS-Saturday Serenade
- 10:00-WNBC-Judy Canova Show
- WOR-Theatre of the Air
- WJZ-American Melodies
- WMCA-News; Dance Music
- WQXR-News; Record Album

RADIO

- WMCA-580 Kc.
- WEAF-660 Kc.
- WOR-710 Kc.
- WJZ-770 Kc.
- WNYC-839 Kc.
- WABC-850 Kc.
- WINS-1060 Kc.
- WEVD-1130 Kc.
- WNEW-1130 Kc.
- WLIR-1190 Kc.
- WHN-1050 Kc.
- WOV-1290 Kc.
- WBNY-1450 Kc.
- WQXR-1540 Kc.
- 10:15-WCBS-This Is Hollywood
- 10:30-WNBC-Grand Ole Opry

- WMCA-Bob Elson, Interviews
- WQXR-Just Music
- 10:45-WJZ-Bishop Angus Dun of Washington Cathedral; Universal Bible Sunday
- WCBS-Talks
- WMCA-Treasury Salute
- 11:00-WNBC, WCBS-News; Music
- WOR, WJZ-News; Music
- WMCA-News; Recorded Music
- WQXR-News; Chamber Music
- 12:00-WNBC, WJZ-News; Music
- WCBS, WMCA-News; Music
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BOOKS — FILMS — THE ARTS

SUGAR-COATING FASCISM:

'Abie's Irish Rose' Is Hollywood's Contribution to Race Prejudice

By David Platt

A foul Hollywood comedy about Jews and Catholics which could have been made in Hitler Germany is about to be inflicted upon the nation's moviegoers. "Book it now," runs a two-page come-on for exhibitors in this week's *Variety*. "It's the all-time laugh hit . . .

streamlined for now . . . five wonderful years on Broadway . . . 32 wonderful months on the air . . . and day after day of wonderful business on your screen."

The film is *Abie's Irish Rose*, a Bing Crosby production based on Anne Nichols' dialectical farce of the 1920s.

"Book it now," the Crosby company pleads from its vantage point on top of the cash till, "for the message which the film drives home is basic to the future of the world . . . It builds an emotional content which dries the throat, wets the eyes and makes one want to stand up and cheer. It's all that need be said!"

This is the type of advertising Goebbels employed to put over German anti-Semitic films like *Rothschild* and *S. A. Mann Brand*. It's enough to make any decent American throw up.

CARICATURES JEWS AND CATHOLICS

The truth is that *Abie's Irish Rose* is the "worst sort of caricature of both Jews and Catholics."

A committee representing a number of conservative religious groups—the National Conference of Christians and Jews among them—charged after seeing a preview of the picture:

"Irish Catholics in the film are caricatured almost equally as badly as the Jews . . . It sets us back twenty years in the work we have been trying to do in bringing the people of America closer together."

Members of the committee, it is reported, were particularly aroused against Michael Chekhov's depiction of the Jewish father as "interpreting everything in terms of economy."

Abel Green, in his hard-hitting review of the film in last week's *Variety*, also condemned Chekhov's "unpalatable characterization" of Papa Levy, which he said contained all the "cliques of shoulder shrugging, upturned palms, snide cracks and ol'-ol's," and is played in a "manner to rebuff instead of amuse an audience." Non-Jews as well as Jews, he added, "will wince at Chekhov's needless philosophy about all the skill that goes into a fine piece of cloth (business of fingering the texture and quality)."

Green goes on to lambast the crude dialogue which includes such offensive phrases as "Rosemary—what a name for a nice little Yiddish girl!" and "sure I'm sure she's Jewish—that's why I love her," and

"that Jew person," "the APA" (for OPA), "an orange-man," and "I should pay \$100 for a suit I could hire for \$3 and save \$97."

Bitterly denouncing the film for using minorities as political footballs "when all the energies of post-war rehabilitation seem to focus on an effort for better understanding," Green writes:

"No longer is *Abie's Irish Rose* a case of love conquers all. No longer is it the plot of Rabbi Samuels and Father Whalen standing benignly in the background as the old codgers, Solomon Levy and Patrick Murphy, react explosively when they learn of the marriage of Abie and Rosemary."

"No longer is it just a happy finale around a Christmas tree as the twins, a boy and girl for the unwilling grandfathers, bridge the religious chasm between the two families. It is the overtones and the exaggerated byplay, the bits of business and gargoyle histrionics which display what may have been

intended as pleasantries but which turn into unpleasant scenes."

So this is the "message" which the Crosby outfit says drives home truths basic to the future of the world and "builds an emotional content which dries the throat, wets the eyes and makes one want to stand up and cheer." What fools they must think we are to believe such a monumental lie!

From the evidence submitted above, it must be clear to every thinking individual that *Abie's Irish Rose* is an appeal to prejudice of a piece with Hitler's type of racial propaganda. It militates against the basic democratic concepts of mutual respect and understanding toward minorities. We must not allow this dangerously distorted film the freedom to create prejudice and wreak havoc among the American people. It can and must be stopped. You can do your part by protesting to Bing Crosby Productions, Inc. in Hollywood and getting others to do likewise.

BRIEFS

Milton Robertson, director of People's Radio Foundation, has returned to New York following the presentation of his pageant-play *The Unknown Soldier Speaks* in Chicago. The play, a virile indictment of home-grown bigots and anti-Semites, was presented under the auspices of the Jewish War Veterans on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

As director of PRF, Mr. Robertson will be heard at the Progressive Forum at 13 Astor Place, on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Robertson will speak on the subject of present-day radio, its responsibilities and evasions.



Pete Seeger, folk song expert and anthologist will demonstrate his expertise on the rarely-seen five string banjo in a "Strings At Midnight" concert at Town Hall, tonight (Saturday) at 11:30 p.m.

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'Story of Your Coat' Xmas Treat for Kids

Reviewed by
JANET SILLEN

THE STORY OF YOUR COAT, by Clara Hollos. Illustrated by Herbert Kruckman; 6-10 years. International Publishers, \$1.50.

A most extraordinary story about a not-so-ordinary coat has been published by International in time for Christmas buying. It is written for six to ten by Clara Hollos and informatively illustrated by Herbert Kruckman. The facts in the book are of first-rate importance: a child traces all the steps of making a coat from the woolly back of an Australian sheep, to and through the textile and clothing mills, with their complicated machinery, right into the department store. The narrative is superbly clear with just the right amount of detail.

Those of us who have admired Ilin's masterful way of combining scientific information with humor and warm feeling, have often wished for just such a style as Clara Hollos develops in *The Story of Your Coat*. There is an intimacy and a delightful personal quality to the way the child proceeds from page to page. The sheep are getting a bath. This is something special, for they are washed only twice a year. The sheep act as if they were taking a bath just for fun. Not at all,

sheep! You are getting a shampoo before a haircut, just as people do in a barber shop."

And Herbert Kruckman has caught the fun in all his drawings. There is a remarkable integration of text and picture.

Young World Books, International's juvenile department, deserves great credit for bringing to the bookstores another of their series of picture science books for young people.

The role of Australian Mr. Tick who owns the sheep and sells the wool to Mr. Tack who buys it for textile manufacturer Mr. Toe, is clearly put. The wool goes through not only a factory, but through workers' hands: Spike the spinner, William the weaver, Clarence the colorist, and Dick the dyer. And, for the first time in any book published in America for this age group, both the textile and clothing workers are organized into unions—described simply and imaginatively in children's terms.

Miss Hollos wrote the story in Elizabeth Morrow Bacon's workshop class in juvenile writing at the Jefferson School. Mrs. Bacon, as teacher and as editor of *Young World Books*, has brought forth more than a good story. It is a big event in the field of children's books.

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MENTION THE "DAILY WORKER"

NAM Threatens Economic Crisis

The National Association of Manufacturers yesterday wound up its three-day convention at the Waldorf Astoria with a demand that the nation adopt Big Business' economic program or else suffer a devastating depression.

The big industrialists got down to dollars-and-cents talk at their last session, although they still tried to cover their hard-boiled race for profits with honeyed words about public interest. The program they adopted, however, was more concerned with the present low rate of interest on loans.

The NAM's position was brought out in a report on present economic conditions which was presented to the delegation. As at previous sessions there was no discussion of the report. This program, in fact, blows up the NAM's pretensions at liberalism inasmuch as it is almost identical with the position taken in past years, with minor changes due to the passage of time.

Main demands put forward in the report were:

- Cut Government Spending: The report emphasized that its primary target here was what it termed "non-military expenditures" and its reference was clearly to social services.

- Reduce the National Debt: This would result in an increase in the



EARL BUNTING of Winchester, Va., will be the new boss of the National Association of Manufacturers.

value of government bonds (not war bonds) now held by private investors as it would start a deflationary process.

- Cut Taxes: Special emphasis was put on corporation taxes, in addition to the demand for an across-the-board reduction.

- Eliminate Government Credit Control: This was one of the most revealing sections of the report as it showed the strong tie between the big banks and the NAM. It would result in an immediate jump in the interest rate on loans, enabling the banks to make a killing at the expense of small business. As manufacturers, the NAM members would normally be expected to have the opposite position, since its members should be seeking easy credit for their businesses.

- End Remaining Government Controls on Business.

- Restrict Labor's Rights: This was in line with the program adopted Thursday, seeking to amend the Wagner Act to death and ban the closed shop.

Other action of the closing session was to adopt a group of resolutions, in the main consisting of general statements involving no commitments by the NAM, on free speech, job security, employment of veterans and asking an improvement of the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Cost of Living Index.

One resolution on education followed previous NAM policy of seeking to control teachings and demanding that schools oppose so-called "subversive ideologies."

Soviet Anti-Bias Stand Irks Smuts

South African Prime Minister Jan Christian Smuts last night denounced Soviet "propaganda" as an "insidious form of aggression" and appealed to the United States to accept Russian communism's challenge.

Smuts, head of the South African delegation to the United Nations Assembly, spoke at the annual meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Smuts was referring to Russia's active support of the Indian delegation in the UN, pressing for an end to the Smuts' government discrimination against the Indian minority. The Soviet Union also opposed Smuts' efforts to annex Southwest Africa, which would enlarge the scope of the white minority rule of the oppressed Negro

majority in the Union of South Africa.

"I do not mean to convey or even to imply that these fundamental differences of outlook and practice between East and West need mean anything like a recourse to arms. If we face the facts honestly and without wishful thinking, we may never see another world war in spite of all the ideologies. The co-existence of different social systems in this wide world need be no menace to peace."

But Smuts then implied that Russian communism might be such a menace.

Charge Negro GIs Made Scapegoat in Reich

Special to the Daily Worker

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—The American Council on Race Relations today sharply condemned those sections of the report on conditions in the U.S. occupation zone of Germany

by George Meader, chief counsel for the Special Investigating Committee, dealing with "alleged misconduct of Negro troops in Europe."

"The manner in which the Meader report discusses attitudes towards minority servicemen in the countries in which they are stationed is a slur against all minority groups in America," the Council declared.

"It is a matter of War Department record that Negro and other minority servicemen fought gallantry in every theatre of war," the American Council stated.

"They have not encountered from the peoples they have helped to free, the prejudice and discrimination which they too often suffered here at home."

'SCAPEGOAT' CHARGE

Without mentioning Republican Senators responsible for releasing the report by name, the Council charged that "the motivation of those members in authorizing these aspects of the report is at least open to question."

"Release of what is admittedly a fragmentary report, prepared by a lone investigator, can only be construed as a deliberate attempt to make minority servicemen the scapegoats for whatever flaws exist in the administration of the occupation."

"The report was presented in such a way as to condemn rank and file troops rather than to raise the more vital question of occupation policy," it added.

FOUR WEEKS 'INSPECTION'

The Council also termed "as highly inflammatory and discriminatory" the way in which these sections of the Meader report were presented to the American public by the wire news services, which pushed the slander of Negro troops up to the lead sections of their stories.

The Council noted further that scant attention was given the fact

that the Meader report was prepared from a flying inspection tour of only four weeks. Actually, according to the Chicago Tribune, Meader spent only 23 days in the U.S. occupation zone in Germany.

Reactionary Republicans and Southern Democrats have long been seeking to force the return of Negro troops to the U.S. from occupation areas abroad. According to informed sources, the Meader report will now be seized upon by these groups as a pretext to force this reactionary objective.

Rents Up 0.4%

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Rents rose four-tenths of one percent between March and September, the Labor Department reported today in a survey of 34 large cities.

Although federal rent control remained in force during that time, except for the short period when there was no price law last summer, approximately 20,000 increases have been granted landlords monthly on an individual "hardship basis."

Mass. CIO Bans Communist Officers

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 6.—Ignoring Philip Murray's warning against "repressive legislation," right wingers in control of the Massachusetts Eighth CIO convention today jammed through a constitutional amendment barring Communists from holding office in the state organization.

The Textile Union, dominated by Social Democrats, with more than half of the convention's delegates, and most of the steel union delegates mobilized by their regional director Martin Walsh, furnished the needed vote.

The same majority also passed amendments to the constitution

Mob Riots to Oust Negro Vets From Homes

By Ruby Cooper

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—An anti-Negro mob of 1500 well-to-do property owners today staged a riotous demonstration at Airport Homes, a veterans' temporary housing project here, in an effort to prevent two Negro vets and their families from occupying apartments in the project leased them by the Chicago Housing Authority.

Throwing rocks and clods of dirt, the anti-Negro demonstrators attacked a truck bearing furniture of the Negro vets, smashing the windshield and slashing its tires, as well as overturning an automobile driven by Kenneth Kennedy, national commander, United Negro and Allied Veterans of America.

In the melee, six policemen, part of a detail present to prevent an outbreak of violence threatened in advance by the inflamed home-owners, were injured by flying rocks.

Despite the mob violence, the two Negro vets, John R. Forts and Letholian Waddles, moved their furniture into their apartments at the project, with the assistance of a group of ministers who were on hand because of advance rumors of mob violence.

Both Negro veterans declared their determination to occupy the apartments assigned them.

Participants in the demonstration were the owners of homes valued at \$10,000 to \$15,000 in the area sur-

WORLD BRIEFS



THE ATOMIC BOMB, jet-propelled aircraft, pilotless aircraft and rockets have been "taken into consideration" in future British air plans, RAF Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder told a press conference in Singapore.

THE ITALIAN CABINET voted to dispatch a special envoy to Belgrade to continue Italian-Yugoslav negotiations. It was reported unofficially that the emissary would be one of the men who took part in the New York talks.

PRIME MINISTER CLEMENT ATTLEE made a final effort to prevent failure of his emergency conference with rival Indian leaders.

IRANIAN troops are manning the Azerbaijan border to control elections throughout southern Iran when polling starts Dec. 11, a member of the Iranian general staff announced.

rounding the veterans housing project.

Originally they bitterly fought the construction of the project in the community altogether. They objected to "putting up \$200 shacks" to house veterans near their "fine homes."

READ ALLEGED CONFESSION IN CARAWAY TRIAL

By John Hudson Jones

MINEOLA, N. Y., Dec. 6.—Jeanne Logan, daughter of murdered Mrs. Marjorie Church Logan, testified today that Ward Beecher Caraway shot her twice, after fatally wounding her mother.

District Attorney James N. Gehrig began the first degree murder trial by reading, for one hour and 39 minutes, 67 pages of an alleged confession by Caraway from which 17 questions had been deleted by order of Judge Henry J. A. Collins.

The statement was different from other statements by Caraway in which he insisted he spent the day of the killing at an auto service station and at the home of his employer, J. M. Rose.

When Miss Logan testified, James

D. C. Murray, defense counsel, and Gehrig had another clash about Gehrig's "leading questions" which ended in Justice Collins sharply reprimanding Gehrig.

When Murray cross-examined Miss Logan, he inquired as to when she first gave a description of her assailant to the police. She said that it was in the Nassau Hospital.

It is to be remembered that at that time there were several descriptions given out to the press by Gehrig's office, one of which was a "stare-eyed Negro." Murray asked her to look at Caraway and to say whether he looked the same as he did the day of the murder.

She gazed in his direction and answered, "They are exactly the same now as then." Caraway has soft eyes.

Greet Ben Davis at Golden Gate Tonight